

Department of Planning, Housing, & Community Development

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Meeting Date: 27, October 2015

Sent To: Commission on Architecture & Urban Design Members

Subject: 73 Court Street- Signage Review

Tax ID: 160.41-1-21 **Case:** CAUD 2015-59

A. Review Requested

The Applicant, Lauren B. Hering, has submitted an application for Design Review of the premises located at 72 Court Street, Tax Map number, 160.41-1-21. This property is a contributing structure in the Court Street Local, State and National Historic District. All exterior modifications, including signage, must be reviewed and approved by the Commission on Architecture and Urban Design (CAUD) in accordance with §18-78 of the City of Binghamton City Code prior to the issuance of a sign permit.

B. Proposal

The Applicant has replaced former window decals with new vinyl window decals at their business, *The Place on Court* (formerly *Merlin's*). One decal, measuring 14 square feet, has been proposed to be placed on the main storefront window of the first floor. The window measures as 52 square feet according to the Applicants measurements. Additional minimal impact signage has been proposed for the front and side door, measuring ~2.5 square feet for each sign.

C. Permitted Sign Regulations

73 Court Street is located in the C-2, Downtown Business District. Under the Zoning Code, the following regulations apply:

PERMITTED AREA OF SIGNAGE:	
Primary Frontage (Court Street)	
Permitted	46.22 square feet
Current	~17 square feet

D. Staff Findings

The proposed signage is minimal in color and design and appears to have little to no impact on character defining features of the building. Staff has evaluated this signage proposal as compliant with the zoning code.

E. Historic Design Guidelines

The proposed signage meets all the aesthetic and design quality requirements for signage recommended by the Historic Design Guidelines.

F. Photographs



Current Site Conditions (September 2015)



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